

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 25, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Connell (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 197, 1/18/2017; SB 116, 1/12/2017

Executive Action: HB 88, HB 120, HB 132, HB 197 Do Pass; HB 122 Do Pass As Amended; SB 80 Tabled

**Committee Business:**

00:00:35 Chair Buttrey  
00:03:48 Sen. Brown  
00:03:56 Chair Buttrey  
00:04:22 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:05:43 Chair Buttrey  
00:06:11 Mr. Walker, LSD  
00:06:14 Chair Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 197**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:42 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 197. Generally revise board of real estate appraisers terms of service.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:40 Tom Stevens, chair, Board of Real Estate Appraisers  
00:08:53 Pete Fontana, vice chair, Board of Real Estate Appraisers

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:10:43 Sen. Facey  
00:12:57 Mr. Fontana, Board of Real Estate Appraisers

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:13:08 Rep. Jacobson  
00:13:26 Chair Buttrey

**HEARING ON SB 116**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:14:37 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 116. Disallowing workers' compensation benefits for certain false statements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:27 Brad Roy, Kalispell Regional Healthcare  
00:20:24 Sen. Fitzpatrick left the hearing.

00:21:32 Terry Kramer, president, Kramer Enterprises, Kalispell  
 00:23:48 Larry Jones, executive director, Montana Self-Insurers Association (MSIA);  
 attorney, Worker's Compensation Law  
 00:27:16 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce; Helena Chamber of  
 Commerce  
 00:30:08 Joe Unterreiner, president, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce  
 00:30:56 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association  
 00:31:40 Brian Thompson, Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)  
 00:32:08 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business  
 00:32:52 Steve Turkiewicz, president, Montana Bankers Association  
 00:33:47 Mark Baker, attorney, Kalispell Regional Healthcare System; Montana Chamber  
 of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:34:26 Patrick Fox, lawyer, Doubek, Pyfer and Fox, representing himself and his law  
 partners  
 00:39:43 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)  
 00:46:54 Chris Cavazos, political director, American Federation of Labor-Congress of  
 Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)  
 00:48:48 Margie Thomas, State Human Resources Division, Department of Administration  
 (DOA)  
 00:53:18 Eric Strauss, administrator, Employee Relations Division, Department of Labor  
 and Industry (DLI)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:55:06 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:55:22 Sen. Brown  
 00:56:42 Mr. Strauss, DLI  
 00:56:57 Sen. Brown  
 00:57:27 Mr. Smith, MTLA  
  
 00:57:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick returned to the hearing.  
  
 00:57:49 Sen. Facey  
 00:58:30 Mr. Braun, MSF  
 00:58:37 Sen. Facey  
 00:59:07 Mr. Thompson, MMIA  
 00:59:33 Sen. Facey  
 01:00:41 Mr. Jones, MSIA  
 01:01:38 Sen. Connell  
 01:07:46 Mr. Jones  
 01:08:35 Sen. Connell  
 01:08:46 Chair Buttrey  
 01:09:51 Mr. Jones  
 01:10:55 Chair Buttrey

01:13:25 Ms. Thomas, DOA  
01:13:37 Sen. Facey  
01:15:30 Ms. Thomas  
01:15:45 Sen. Facey  
01:15:50 Mr. Braun  
01:17:00 Sen. Brown  
01:20:16 Ms. Thomas  
01:20:19 Sen. Vuckovich  
01:20:49 Chair Buttrey  
01:20:53 Sen. Salomon  
01:21:46 Sen. Blasdel  
01:21:52 Sen. Connell  
01:22:42 Mr. Fox, lawyer  
01:23:39 Chair Buttrey  
01:24:46 Sen. Facey  
01:24:57 Mr. Fox  
01:26:17 Chair Buttrey  
01:26:32 Mr. Jones  
01:26:45 Chair Buttrey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:26:54 Sen. Blasdel  
01:28:44 Chair Buttrey  
01:29:24 Brief Recess  
01:51:40 Reconvened  
01:51:43 Chair Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88**

01:51:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 88 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120**

01:53:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 120 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 122**

01:54:32 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 122 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

01:54:39 Chair Buttrey  
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01:55:11 Sen. Facey  
01:55:13 Sen. Connell  
01:56:40 Chair Buttrey

01:56:42 **Motion:** Sen. Connell moved that **HB 122 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:56:55 Sen. Brown  
01:57:13 Mr. Walker

01:57:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:57:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 122 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 132**

01:58:02 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 132 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:58:28 Sen. Facey  
01:58:48 Sen. Brown  
01:59:08 Sen. Connell

01:59:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Fitzpatrick will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 197**

01:59:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 197 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Smith will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80**

02:00:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 80 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Committee Business:**

02:01:34 Chair Buttrey  
02:02:15 Sen. Connell  
02:02:21 Chair Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:03 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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